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Selective ligand behaviors provide new insights into agonist activation of nicotinic acetylcholine receptors

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Supplemental Table 1

| $(\alpha 4 \text{ L9'A})_2(\beta 2)_3$ |                       |            |    |             |                       | $(\alpha 4 \text{ L9'A})_3(\beta 2)_2$ |             |    |             |                       |
|--|-----------------------|------------|----|-------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|----|-------------|-----------------------|
| Mutation                               | EC <sub>50</sub> (nM) | Hill       | n  | Fold Shift  | I <sub>max</sub> (μA) | EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)                  | Hill        | n  | Fold Shift  | I <sub>max</sub> (μA) |
| WT                                     | 1.1 ± 0.04            | 2.3 ± 0.2  | 21 | –           | 3.3 – 35              | 0.32 ± 0.09                            | 1.8 ± 0.8   | 21 | –           | 0.95 – 13             |
| β2Leu119                               | 0.80 ± 0.04           | 1.9 ± 0.2  | 11 | <b>0.7</b>  | 4.3 – 30              | 0.20 ± 0.03                            | 1.9 ± 0.4   | 9  | <b>0.6</b>  | 0.45 – 12             |
| Lah                                    | 8.5 ± 0.2             | 1.4 ± 0.04 | 14 | <b>10</b>   | 0.49 – 22             | 0.99 ± 0.03                            | 1.8 ± 0.1   | 12 | <b>5.0</b>  | 0.24 – 55             |
| α4Thr155                               | 0.65 ± 0.07           | 1.7 ± 0.3  | 13 | <b>0.6</b>  | 1.9 – 6.4             | 0.16 ± 0.02                            | 2.4 ± 0.4   | 14 | <b>0.5</b>  | 0.79 – 5.8            |
| Tah                                    | 3.7 ± 0.2             | 1.6 ± 0.1  | 12 | <b>5.7</b>  | 0.52 – 8.6            | 1.8 ± 0.1                              | 1.4 ± 0.1   | 14 | <b>11</b>   | 0.43 – 12             |
| α4Trp154                               | 0.46 ± 0.03           | 1.8 ± 0.2  | 16 | <b>0.42</b> | 0.25 – 2.4            | 0.19 ± 0.02                            | 1.7 ± 0.2   | 8  | <b>0.59</b> | 0.47 – 11             |
| Trp-F1                                 | 0.78 ± 0.06           | 1.6 ± 0.2  | 18 | <b>1.7</b>  | 0.089 – 0.93          | 0.38 ± 0.03                            | 1.7 ± 0.2   | 8  | <b>2</b>    | 1.1 – 8.1             |
| Trp-Br                                 | 0.87 ± 0.06           | 1.8 ± 0.2  | 14 | <b>1.9</b>  | 0.25 – 1.8            | –                                      | –           | –  | –           | –                     |
| Trp-F2                                 | 1.4 ± 0.1             | 1.4 ± 0.1  | 20 | <b>3.1</b>  | 0.049 – 0.74          | 0.70 ± 0.04                            | 1.9 ± 0.2   | 8  | <b>3.7</b>  | 11 – 34               |
| Trp-CN                                 | 2.2 ± 0.1             | 1.7 ± 0.1  | 4  | <b>4.8</b>  | 0.21 – 0.40           | –                                      | –           | –  | –           | –                     |
| Trp-F3                                 | 3.5 ± 0.3             | 1.2 ± 0.1  | 11 | <b>7.6</b>  | 0.27 – 1.3            | 4.6 ± 0.4                              | 1.1 ± 0.1   | 8  | <b>24</b>   | 0.30 – 1.1            |
| Trp-F4                                 | 10.0 ± 0.7            | 1.1 ± 0.06 | 12 | <b>22</b>   | 0.042 – 1.2           | 11 ± 1                                 | 0.89 ± 0.05 | 7  | <b>58</b>   | 0.66 – 3.0            |

**Agonist = Sazetidine-A**

WT = wild type

Leu, Thr, Trp = wild type recovery control (nonsense suppression method with the wild type amino acid)

Lah = leucine-α-hydroxy

Tah = threonine-α-hydroxy

Trp-F1 = 5-flouro-tryptophan

Trp-Br = 5-bromo-tryptophan

Trp-F2 = 5,7-diflouro-tryptophan

Trp-CN = 5-cyano-tryptophan

Trp-F3 = 5,6,7-triflouro-tryptophan

Trp-F4 = 4,5,6,7-tetraflouro-tryptophan

Supplemental Table 2

| Receptor  | Acetylcholine             |             |                           |           |       |    |                       |                       |            |  | Sazetidine-A      |  |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|-------------------|--|
|   | EC <sub>50</sub> (μM) [1] | Hill [1]    | EC <sub>50</sub> (μM) [2] | Hill [2]  | % [1] | n  | I <sub>max</sub> (μA) | EC <sub>50</sub> (nM) | Hill       |  |                   |  |
| (α4) <sub>2</sub> (β2) <sub>3</sub>                     | 0.78 ± 0.02               | 1.1 ± 0.02  | –                         | –         | –     | 16 | 0.15 – 2.4            | 1.9 ± 0.1             | 2.0 ± 0.2  |  |                   |  |
| (α4) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub>                     | 2.7 ± 9                   | 0.69 ± 0.54 | 100 ± 11                  | 1.6 ± 0.3 | 17    | 8  | 9.8 – 27              | NR                    |            |  |                   |  |
| (α4 H114V) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub>               | 44 ± 80                   | 1.1 ± 0.5   | 240 ± 50                  | 2.6 ± 2   | 47    | 11 | 0.29 – 12             | NR                    |            |  |                   |  |
| (α4 Q122F) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub>               | 2.1 ± 3                   | 0.64 ± 0.3  | 190 ± 20                  | 1.8 ± 0.3 | 23    | 15 | 0.31 – 12             | NR                    |            |  | (too low current) |  |
| (α4 T124L) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub>               | 4.8 ± 14                  | 0.92 ± 0.5  | 33 ± 9                    | 1.8 ± 0.8 | 37    | 7  | 1.0 – 4.8             | NR                    |            |  |                   |  |
| (α4 H114V, Q122F) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub>        | 34 ± 60                   | 1.0 ± 0.6   | 260 ± 40                  | 4.0 ± 5   | 51    | 19 | 0.59 – 15             | >2000                 | 0.90 ± 0.1 |  |                   |  |
| (α4 H114V, T124L) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub>        | 11 ± 20                   | 1.1 ± 0.4   | 66 ± 22                   | 2.0 ± 1   | 46    | 17 | 0.52 – 11             | >2000                 | 0.94 ± 0.1 |  |                   |  |
| (α4 Q122F, T124L) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub>        | 0.74 ± 0.1                | 0.96 ± 0.1  | –                         | –         | –     | 10 | 0.067–0.22            | NR                    |            |  | (too low current) |  |
| (α4 H114V, Q122F, T124L) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub> | 2.7 ± 0.2                 | 0.81 ± 0.03 | –                         | –         | –     | 16 | 0.89 – 18             | 9 ± 1                 | 2.3 ± 0.6  |  |                   |  |

NR = No Response

Supplemental Table 3

( $\alpha 4$  L9'A)<sub>2</sub>( $\beta 2$ )<sub>3</sub>

| <i>Acetylcholine</i> |                       |            |    |            |                       | <i>Sazetidine-A</i>   |            |    |            |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------|----|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|----|------------|-----------------------|
| Mutation             | EC <sub>50</sub> (μM) | Hill       | n  | Fold Shift | I <sub>max</sub> (μA) | EC <sub>50</sub> (nM) | Hill       | n  | Fold Shift | I <sub>max</sub> (μA) |
| WT                   | 0.34 ± 0.01           | 1.2 ± 0.02 | 15 | –          | 0.88 – 15             | 0.66 ± 0.04           | 2.1 ± 0.2  | 14 | –          | 0.69 – 8.1            |
| β2 V109H             | 1.3 ± 0.03            | 1.3 ± 0.03 | 15 | <b>3.8</b> | 1.5 – 13              | 7.7 ± 0.4             | 1.4 ± 0.1  | 12 | <b>12</b>  | 1.2 – 5.2             |
| β2 F117Q             | 1.1 ± 0.01            | 1.2 ± 0.01 | 14 | <b>3.2</b> | 0.53 – 10.            | 510 ± 30              | 1.4 ± 0.1  | 12 | <b>770</b> | 0.74 – 5.8            |
| β2 L119T             | 20 ± 0.7              | 1.3 ± 0.05 | 14 | <b>59</b>  | 1.7 – 12              | 180 ± 6               | 1.2 ± 0.04 | 14 | <b>270</b> | 0.87 – 12             |

WT = wild type

**Supplemental Table 4**

| Receptor  | EC <sub>50</sub> (μM) [1] | Hill [1]    | EC <sub>50</sub> (μM) [2] | Hill [2]  | % [1] | n  | I <sub>max</sub> (μA) |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|----|-----------------------|
| (α4) <sub>2</sub> (β2) <sub>3</sub>                     | 0.78 ± 0.02               | 1.1 ± 0.02  | –                         | –         | –     | 16 | 0.15 – 2.4            |
| (α4) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub>                     | 7.2 ± 23                  | 0.7 ± 0.4   | 106 ± 13                  | 1.7 ± 0.5 | 26    | 15 | 1.7 – 31              |
| (α4) <sub>2</sub> (β2) <sub>3</sub> + 10 μM NS9283      | 0.48 ± 0.02               | 1.1 ± 0.05  | –                         | –         | –     | 12 | 0.095 – 7.2           |
| (α4) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub> + 10 μM NS9283      | 0.15 ± 0.004              | 1.07 ± 0.03 | –                         | –         | –     | 14 | 0.42 – 42             |
| (α4) <sub>2</sub> (β2 F117Q) <sub>3</sub>               | 1.6 ± 0.1                 | 1.6 ± 0.1   | –                         | –         | –     | 15 | 0.033 – 0.28          |
| (α4) <sub>3</sub> (β2 F117Q) <sub>2</sub>               | 9 ± 15                    | 0.9 ± 0.4   | 134 ± 22                  | 1.6 ± 0.3 | 25    | 14 | 1.5 – 15              |
| (α4) <sub>2</sub> (β2 V109H, F117Q, L119T) <sub>3</sub> | 35 ± 1                    | 1.5 ± 0.04  | –                         | –         | –     | 14 | 2.0 – 28              |
| (α4) <sub>3</sub> (β2 V109H, F117Q, L119T) <sub>2</sub> | 180 ± 10                  | 1.6 ± 0.1   | –                         | –         | –     | 12 | 0.16 – 6.3            |
| (α4 H114V, Q122F, T124L) <sub>2</sub> (β2) <sub>3</sub> | 1.0 ± 0.03                | 1.1 ± 0.03  | –                         | –         | –     | 22 | 0.11 – 4.2            |
| (α4 H114V, Q122F, T124L) <sub>3</sub> (β2) <sub>2</sub> | 2.7 ± 0.2                 | 0.81 ± 0.03 | –                         | –         | –     | 16 | 0.89 – 18             |

***Agonist = Acetylcholine***